

In the claims:

*Please amend the claims as follows:*

1. (Currently amended) A method, comprising:

receiving an application identifier for an application at a business relationship manager module,

transmitting a user identifier of a user of a wireless terminal to an operator network, wherein the user identifier is independent of the business relationship manager module identifies the user of the wireless terminal,

receiving a list of user registered applications in response to said user identifier, and determining whether the list of user registered applications includes the application identifier for the application,

wherein when said list of user registered applications includes said application, said method further comprises producing a periodic report on usage of said application to enable billing for use of the application.

2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein when said list of user registered applications does not include said application, said method further comprises registering the application with said operator network.

3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the registering is via signalling between the business relationship manager module and the operator network and is according to session initiation protocol signaling or is signaling using an extensible markup language over hypertext transfer protocol or secure hypertext transfer protocol.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the method further comprises comparing said list of user registered applications with said application identifier.

6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the list of user registered applications is received from a user information server of the operator network.

7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving an indication to de-register the application;

signaling a de-register message to a user information server of the operator network so as to indicate that the application is to be de-registered.

8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the application identifier is common to all copies of the application and used as the application identifier for the application in the one or more data stores holding information indicating whether the application is registered.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the periodic report is a monthly report for monthly billing for use of the application.

11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein use of the application consumes network resources, and the method further comprises:

appending to each request for network resources by the application the user identifier stored in the wireless terminal and the application identifier.

12-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently amended) A wireless terminal, comprising:

means for receiving an application identifier for an application;

means for transmitting a user identifier of a user of a wireless terminal to an operator network, wherein the user identifier is independent of a business relationship manager module configured to determine whether the application is registered with the operator network identifies the user of the wireless terminal;

means for receiving a list of user registered applications in response to said user identifier,

means for determining whether the list of user registered applications includes the application identifier for the application; and

means for producing a periodic report on usage of the application to enable billing for use of the application when the list of user registered applications includes the application.

15. (Currently amended) A wireless terminal, comprising:

an interface for receiving an application identifier for an application included in the wireless terminal at a business relationship manager module; and

a transmitter for transmitting a user identifier of a user of the wireless terminal to an operator network, wherein the user identifier ~~is independent of the business relationship manager module~~ identifies the user of the wireless terminal,

wherein said interface is configured to receive a list of user registered applications in response to said user identifier,

wherein said business relationship manager module is configured to determine whether the list of user registered applications includes the application identifier for the application, and

wherein said business relationship manager is configured to produce a periodic report on usage of the application to enable billing for use of the application when the list of user registered applications includes the application.

16. (Currently amended) A system enabling billing a user of a wireless terminal for use of an application hosted by the terminal, comprising the wireless terminal and an operator network to which the user of the wireless terminal is subscribed, wherein the user has a user identifier identifying the user, and the operator network comprises a user information server, wherein:

the wireless terminal comprises a business relationship manager configured to determine whether the application including an application identifier is registered with the operator network, and configured to produce a periodic report on usage of the application to enable billing

for use of the application when the list of user registered applications includes the application;  
and

the user information server is configured to refer to the one or more data stores to locate any registration information for the application using the identifier of the application and the user identifier, wherein the user identifier is ~~independent of the business relationship manager module~~ identifies the user of the wireless terminal.

17. (Previously presented) The system of claim 16, further comprising a gateway general packet radio service support node, is configured to count packets bearing the user identifier and application identifier by monitoring received packets.

18. (Currently amended) A computer program product comprising: a computer readable storage structure embodying computer program code thereon for execution by a computer processor, said computer program code providing instructions for

receiving an application identifier for an application at a business relationship manager module,

transmitting a user identifier of a user of a wireless terminal to an operator network, wherein the user identifier is ~~independent of the business relationship manager module~~ identifies the user of the wireless terminal,

receiving a list of user registered applications in response to said user identifier, and

determining whether the list of user registered applications includes the application identifier for the application,

wherein when said list of user registered applications includes said application, producing a periodic report on usage of said application to enable billing for use of the application.

19. (Currently amended) A method, comprising:

providing to a wireless terminal at least one option for paying for use of an application hosted by the wireless terminal;

receiving an indication of an option for paying for use of the application along with an identifier of the application and a user identifier stored in the wireless terminal from a business relationship manager module, wherein the user identifier is ~~independent of the business relationship manager module~~ identifies the user of the wireless terminal;

storing the indication of the option for paying for use of the application along with the identifier of the application and the user identifier;

determining whether the application hosted by the wireless terminal is registered with an operator network comprising a support node; and

billing for use of the application in response to a periodic report on usage of the application.

20. (Previously presented) The method of claim 19, further comprising:

receiving from the wireless terminal a get request issued by the application along with the user identifier and the identifier indicating the application; and

counting the packets bearing the identifier indicating the user and the identifier indicating the application.

21. (Previously presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the support node is a gateway general packet radio service support node.

22. (Currently amended) An operator network, comprising:

a software business server, for providing to a wireless terminal at least one option for paying for use of an application hosted by the wireless terminal;

a user information server, for receiving an indication of an option for paying for use of the application along with an identifier of the application and a user identifier stored in the wireless terminal from a business relationship manager module, and for storing the indication of the option for paying for use of the application along with the identifier of the application and the user identifier, wherein the user identifier is ~~independent of the business relationship manager module~~ identifies the user of the wireless terminal; and

determining whether the application hosted by the wireless terminal is registered with the operator network;

wherein the software business server is configured to bill for use of the application in response to a periodic report on usage of the application.

23. (Previously presented) The operator network of claim 22, further comprising:

a gateway support node, for receiving from the wireless terminal a get request issued by the application along with the user identifier and the identifier indicating the application, and for counting the packets bearing the identifier indicating the user and the identifier indicating the application.

24. (Previously presented) The operator network of claim 22, wherein the support node is a gateway general packet radio service support node.